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The Harris Survey

# Carter Choices For His Cabinet Win Approval

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On the whole, the American people approve of the men and women whom President Carter has named to high office in his administration.

A 54 to 30 per cent majority gives the President a positive rating on his appointments.

A 54 to 22 per cent majority thinks that the President made a good choice in Vice President Mondale, who is the best known member of the Carter team. The former Minnesota senator is particularly well regarded in the East, and he has wide appeal in the Midwest and South, and among the college-educated.

Other than Mondale, who is familiar to 76 per cent, there are only a few key Carter appointees whose names are recognized by more than 50 per cent of the public, according to this latest Harris Survey of 1,540 adults.

- Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, a familiar figure to 59 per cent of the American people, rates a 41-to-18 per cent positive on his appointment.

- Energy Chief James R. Schlesinger, known to 52 per cent of the public, receives a 36-to-16 per cent positive rating.

- U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, familiar to 53 per cent of the public, receives a 33 to 20 per cent positive rating. He is particularly popular with professional people, the college-educated, blacks and liberals. However, he is criticized by conservatives, Republicans, and suburban residents. In the South, Young, known to 59 per cent of the people, receives approval by 36 to 23 per cent.

- Attorney General Griffin B. Bell is known to 51 per cent of Americans, but there is almost an even split in public reaction to his appointment with 26 per cent approving and 25 per cent disapproving.

Most of the other major members of the Carter administration are not well-known to the public, but there is widespread approval of their choice among those who are familiar with them. There is at least a 2 to 1 approval of such Cabinet choices as Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia R. Harris, Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps and Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland.

Somewhat less favorable are reac-

tions to the naming of Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr., Labor Secretary Ray Marshall, Transportation Secretary Brock Adams and Central Intelligence Agency Director Stansfield Turner. And most controversial is Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Director Paul C. Warnke, who is only known to 37 per cent of the public, and who comes up with a bare 20-to-17 per cent positive response.

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